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Calling all Readers!

If you are interested in becoming a member of IPA, please contact Vice-President, Melissa Peak, or visit our website at www.ipanaiw.org.

Your comments and suggestions for the newsletter are welcomed. Please submit any photos, articles, announcements or other items you would like to see included. Deadline is the 15th of each month in order to be included in the next month's newsletter.

Please submit to
Melissa Peak.

February 9, 2009

Dear Members & Friends:

It seems that we are hearing the daily reminders of the economic downturn and the seemingly endless job losses resulting from it. Well, let me be the first to say that our members have a great resource for networking, for friendship to help pick us up when we may be a bit down and for information on job opportunities within all phases of the insurance industry. NAIW and all the local chapters provide terrific opportunities to work on professional development through classes. Through networking you may become aware of career opportunities that can put you out in front of many other candidates. Have you ever thought about asking any of your friends in NAIW and your local association to review and provide input regarding your current resume? Have you ever taken time to review the criteria for the various awards offered by NAIW to see if you have remembered all the professional, educational activities that you have completed? Take the time to check out websites for NAIW (www.naiw.org), your local association (www.ipanaiw.org) and your state council (www.georgiacouncilnaiw.org). You just may not realize what you're missing!

Cordially,

Connie L. Herrin, AIC ARM CIC CPIW
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Dress for Success Service Project Continues

IPA is actively participating in the Dress for Success charity program. This charity service is for disadvantaged women who are entering the professional workforce and need assistance with attire. The following clothing items can be donated:

Business Suits
Skirts

Slacks/Trousers
Blazers

IPA meets at Aldo's Italian Restaurant 6690 Roswell Rd NE Atlanta, GA (Sandy Springs) the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm. Cost: \$23.00 per person. Please check the newsletter for upcoming events which may change the monthly schedule.

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Mark Your Calendars!

January 13, 2009
IPA Meeting, Aldo's Restaurant
Sandy Springs, 6:00pm
Business Etiquette

February 3, 2009
IPA 8 Hr CE Class
1117 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta, GA
30338 first floor conference room

February 7, 2009
State Planning Meeting
GA Council of NAIW
GEICO-Macon 2 Building
4400 Weaver Road
Macon, GA 31295
9:00am

February 10, 2009
IPA Meeting, Aldo's Restaurant
Sandy Springs, 6:00pm
Emergency Organization /

**Blouses
Scarves
New panty hose
Shoes**

**Purses
Belts
New Cosmetics & Toiletries**

All items must be

- **freshly dry-cleaned or laundered and ironed**
- **on hangers (except accessories)**
- **no more than three years old**

Additional information can be researched on the following link:

<http://www.dressforsuccess.org/affiliate.aspx?sisid=1&pageid=1>

If you would like to participate in this charity with IPA, please bring your donations to the IPA monthly meetings. If you can not attend the meetings, drop-off locations are as follows:

- 220 Spring Street NW, Suite 102, Atlanta, Ga 30303(Loading dock of America's Mart Building 2). Donation drop-off at this location is Monday through Friday 9am to 3 pm.
- St. James United Methodist Church, 4400 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., Atlanta, GA. Donation drop-off at this location is Thursday only, 9am to noon. At this location, you will be required to carry your items to the lower level.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the project, please contact Veronica Spellman at vspell60@comcast.com or 770-314-0123.

February's Safety Tip

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a suspicious noise around your home, press the panic button for your car. It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. It will go off from most places from within your home and will continue to sound until the battery runs low or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. If your car alarm goes off while someone is trying to unlawfully enter into your home, odds are the intruder won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will looked out of their windows to see who is out there, while will draw unwanted attention to the intruder. This tip is also very useful for those who are involved in other emergencies; such as if one suffers are heart attack in a place where a phone may not be available.

Business Continuity
Planning

March 12, 2009

Registration due for
Region III Conference
(registration form
attached)

March 26-29, 2009

Annual Region III
Conference
Embassy Suites
Convention Center
North Charleston, SC

April 8, 2009

IPA Continuing
Education Class
Details to Come

April 14, 2009

IPA Meeting, Aldo's
Restaurant
Sandy Springs, 6:00pm



Insurance Professionals of Atlanta

Emergency Organizational and Business Continuity Planning

Seminar will be presented by IPA President Connie Herrin

Date: February 10, 2009

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Aldo's Italian Restaurant
6690 Roswell Road
Atlanta (Sandy Springs), GA

Cost: \$23.00

Dinner includes salad, entrée, garlic rolls, coffee, tea or soda.

Please let us know you are coming. Please contact Melissa Peak at
mpeak@amsafety.com or 770-485-4307. If you are uncertain and
decide to come at the last minute, please feel free to join us.